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[08:00:55.00]
intro to video

[08:01:34.10]
"PWD Motion Picture Inc, LTC presents the Battle of Hue" (S. Vietnamese produced documentary), credits

[08:01:54.24]
soldiers running out of bombed building, explosions, buildings with sandbags piled up

[08:02:17.22]
soldiers picking debris out of trench, jungle, Citadel

[08:02:31.22]
North Vietnamese soldiers, smoking, on phone, patrolling

[08:03:07.16]
soldiers walking through street

[08:03:23.08]
soldiers converse, view from entrance of Citadel toward bridge

[08:03:37.12]
walking across bridge, gate in FG, soldier looking into distance

[08:03:48.11]
people of Hue leaving

[08:03:56.13]
soldiers going from house to house, unlocking door

[08:04:15.17]
refugees running down street, soldiers patrolling

[08:04:28.29]
battalion commander, empty streets, burning houses

[08:04:46.11] airplane, burning houses, patrols

[08:05:09.16] refugees with their belongings

[08:05:19.21] ARVN troops returning fire, jet fire support

[08:05:50.17] machine gun firing in street, jet overhead, explosion

[08:06:23.26] Marines cross street from trench, running along edge of street

[08:06:37.21] checking map, fighting from inside buildings

[08:07:10.17] shooting through windows

[08:07:36.04] soldiers in street, checking map,

[08:07:46.28] approaching Citadel stronghold, running along wall

[08:08:14.16] dead bodies, machine guns, rocket launchers

[08:08:49.25] dead body, weapons, ammo

[08:08:58.15] wall of Citadel with troops climbing around

[08:09:10.29] aerial view of bombed Pal du Mer (?) bridge, aerial views of bombed out city

[08:09:34.15] refugees running down Tran Hung Dao street

[08:09:58.27] carrying a woman on make-shift stretcher, refugees
caring for wounded, leaving Hue

floating bridge, refugees crossing river

refugees with belongings

refugees on street, graves

tank fires on buildings, explosions, Marines march in

landing craft, troops, gunfight from boat and riverside

aerial view of river, boats arriving with troops

helicopters landing at Val Ven, soldiers loading supplies on helicopter

artillery being lifted onto helicopter

refugee center gate with barbed wire fence

food, clothing and medicine being distributed to refugees

scooping rice out for refugees, old woman carries her supplies, young child eats

refugees cooking over fires on the ground, make-shift tents, medical personnel checking out refugees

Aerial views of Hue

"The End"
black

ship deck flooded, tanker and truck drive through muddy road,
soldiers running to hide behind trees and structures, shooting
gunfire, running to change positions on river bank
tank on bridge, empty shells thrown from tank
tank with houses in BG, soldiers on tank, firing
soldiers loading and firing shoulder mounted gun
soldiers marching through street, running across bridge
tank, pan to boats in water
tank, soldiers running past, soldier on tank talking on phone, signaling others to run
villagers with their belongings, wounded on stretchers heading down street
refugees gathered in street
tank on riverbank, missing it's track
forklift moving large crate
soldiers running toward building, tank coming down street
soldiers running down street, tank comes around the corner

mechanical mule carrying supplies, soldiers on alert

houses blown apart, soldier on mechanical mule

soldiers "clear and hold" in Hue

mechanical mule drives over rubble in street, soldiers run past

soldiers running through rubble, mechanical mule drives through loaded with soldiers

mechanical mule driving through destroyed street

soldier walks over rubble

destroyed house, rubble, bombed out building

soldiers unload stretcher from mechanical mule, tank rolls out

wounded soldier being transported on mechanical mule

truck backing up in street, soldier running down street carrying a wounded person on his back

helps wounded to truck bed, truck backs up down street

carrying wounded out of destroyed buildings, running through street

loading and firing M29
[08:26:11.29]
ship in river, soldiers next to ship

[08:26:24.26]
shooting, soldiers covering others running toward bombed house

[08:26:41.15]
search and destroy in town

[08:27:04.27]
shooting around corner of building, soldiers sitting against wall, running across yard

[08:27:24.05]
rubble

[08:27:53.26]
Vietnamese come out of building, walks down war torn street, rubble

[08:28:06.03]
Vietnamese standing at edge of building

[08:28:11.13]
bombed bridge with people on it, LST full of soldiers

[08:28:27.09]
LST in river

[08:28:44.02]
soldier on guard at crossroads, shooting

[08:28:54.10]
shooting Howitzer

[08:29:10.02]
vehicle drives by, soldiers run down street

[08:29:16.28]
soldiers getting equipment ready, soldiers move around bushes on street

[08:29:27.24]
tank rolls through, black smokes comes from tank

[08:29:58.20]
soldier laying in ditch looks around corner with binoculars, tank, soldier runs back through ditch
[08:30:07.10] tanks destroys building and knocks down tree

[08:30:21.00] tank turns corner, backs up, soldiers in FG

[08:30:48.18] soldiers in bushes outside house, walking through rubble, running down street as other soldiers cover them

[08:31:15.16] shooting in street

[08:31:48.24] group of soldiers setting up table, standing behind it shooting

[08:32:06.06] black

[08:32:14.14] "General Political Warfare Department, Psychological Warfare Department presents Communist Massacre in Hue South Vietnam"

[08:32:38.13] refugees walking along path

[08:32:58.23] refugees digging in sand, others look on

[08:33:25.16] uncover bodies in sand

[08:33:58.17] removing sand from around dead body, people looking on

[08:34:34.19] bodies wrapped in plastic

[08:34:50.18] grief stricken groups, moving dead bodies, incense sticks, group trying to determine identities

[08:35:26.20] truck with sign in Vietnamese, men digging in ditch, dead bodies moved to plastic bags

[08:35:54.21]
dead body in bag, more dead bodies, group looks on

[08:36:11.13]
local authorities talking to groups of soldiers

[08:36:35.23]
sign on building, coffins lined up in a row, hammering coffin closed, incense sticks

[08:36:58.04]
women lighting incense, woman crying, putting a card on coffin

[08:37:13.08]
opening coffin for ID purposes

[08:37:29.02]
nailing coffin shut, rows of coffins, adding another coffin

[08:38:09.28]
woman weeping in front of table with dishes on it, woman crying

[08:38:26.18]
man lighting incense at altar, priest hitting bell

[08:38:43.21]
sign at entrance to village, funeral, putting papers on coffins with numbers on them

[08:39:16.19]
tying bamboo sticks to coffins, women wailing

[08:39:49.06]
carrying coffins out of gate

[08:40:19.08]
people lined up, coffins carried past

[08:40:41.21]
weeping women, village gate

[08:40:53.05]
funeral procession with band, people carrying coffins

[08:41:48.23]
sign in Vietnamese, funeral procession, many, many coffins

[08:42:29.17]
sign in Vietnamese, procession, groups of people
priests in procession, more people following

cemetery, altar, women wailing

lines of coffins, priests, men in civilian clothes, soldier speaking into mic at podium

lines of coffins, young woman speaks at podium, placing coffins in ground

wailing

large group gathered, pillar "To Quoc Chi Om",

"The End"

Tape ends